



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO**  
**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Special Meeting

Mammoth Lakes Board  
of Supervisors Meeting  
Room, 3rd Fl. Sierra  
Center Mall, 452 Old  
Mammoth Rd.,  
Mammoth Lakes, CA  
93546

January 19, 2010

10:00 AM

Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Hunt

Due to weather conditions, the meeting started at 10:00 a.m. Also, Supervisor Bauer was absent due to weather.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hazard

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

No one spoke.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

**Supervisor Farnetti:**

1. Last Wednesday met with a representative of Sierra Business Council to discuss Eastern Sierra land tenure. Discussed affordable housing and a business park in Lee Vining, a potential future need for a dump facility, and the GC Firewood biomass project.

**Supervisor Hazard:**

1. Reported on RCRC meeting and meetings in Sacramento. Discussed homebuyer funds, state budget shortfall and proposed solutions, state cash flow crisis, lawsuit *Tehama County vs. Shasta County*, water and water issues, annexing Red's Meadow into Mono County, AB 32 (global warming initiative), septic tanks (state policies are showing a move towards granting more local control), TOT and online bookings, and federal money and issues,
2. January 14: Met with the Governor's staff regarding District 4 appointment.
3. January 15: Met with Senator Cox and discussed several issues.
4. While in Sacramento, ran into two local people who are working there.

**Supervisor Hunt:**

1. Met with a Sierra Business Council representative to discuss the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policies; they will be conducting interviews to get input on land tenure prospects in the County, and will ask for public input.
2. The Antelope Valley Senior Citizens workshop wants to develop a new MOU regarding use of the facility.

3. Met with Congressman McKeon's staff to discuss projects for this next year; suggested ideas about transportation. There is a limited ability to get earmarks.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)  
Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.

**David Wilbrecht:**

1. Continuing status meetings with staff.
2. Met with Congressman McKeon's staff.
3. Attended the MAG meeting; Sheriff Scholl gave a presentation.
4. Keeping informed about the impending snow storms.

- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**M10-15** Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 5, 2010.  
**Hazard/Farnetti, 3-0**

Closed Session: 10:05 a.m.

Break: 11:10 a.m.

Reconvened: 11:15 a.m.

Break: 12:10 p.m.

Reconvened: 12:15 p.m.

Break: 1:00 p.m.

Reconvened: 1:10 p.m.

Adjourned: 1:45 p.m.

## CLOSED SESSION

**The Board had nothing to report from Closed Session.**

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 3a) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Government Code Section 54957.6. Agency designated representative(s): David Wilbrecht, Marshall Rudolph, Rick Scholl, Brian Muir. Employee Organization(s): Deputy Sheriffs' Association.
- 3b) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

**Sheriff Scholl:** Provided an update about the snow storm. Highway 395 was closed from 5:00-11:00 p.m. last night, and two shelters were opened; otherwise there have been no significant issues. Heavy snow is expected over the next several days.

**Mary Booher**, County Administrative Office: Submitted paperwork for the NACO prescription card program, which gives about a 22% discount on prescription drugs. The card is available to

any resident of Mono County; however, Booher does not know at this time what the qualification requirements will be.

**Ed Zylman**, Social Services: Reiterated that due to the snow, they opened the Bridgeport and June Lake emergency shelters; the June Lake shelter closed quickly since the family went to a local motel. Nine people stayed overnight in Bridgeport. The shelters are now closed.

**Evan Nikirk**, Public Works: 1) County roads are all clear; crews are now laying cinders and widening the corridors. The amount of snow varied between communities. Public Works may test the new snow blower on Lower Rock Creek Road. The vacant position will soon be filled, which will provide more crew members for snow removal. 2) The jail roof project is finished; the flood test was conducted and the roof passed. There will be a final flood test in the spring at which time Public Works will get the long-term warranty on the roof.

### CONSENT AGENDA

(All matters on the consent agenda are to be approved on one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item.)

#### CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 4a) No Items on the Consent Agenda

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### REGULAR AGENDA

#### CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

#### CLERK-RECORDER

- 5a) American Legion Mark Twain Post 0454 - Letter regarding health surveys that were mailed by the Mono County Health Department to all residents of Mono County.  
Supervisor Hazard pulled this item. He asked to have a response sent.
- Lynda Salcido, Health Department: The survey (voluntary and anonymous) was conducted last fall; the questions were crafted after the CDC model. Salcido previously responded to questions about the survey and forwarded the information to the Board. At that time, Supervisor Reid had acknowledged that surveys usually ask questions that aren't always well received. Salcido will write a follow-up letter to Mr. Burbine.
- 5b) NPG Cable - Letter regarding rate increase for basic cable service, effective February 1, 2010.
- 5c) Email from Gregory J. Reis - Email addressed to Mono Basin RPAC Members and Mono County Supervisors regarding affordable housing.  
Supervisor Hunt pulled this item. He asked to have this letter referred to Scott Burns, Community Development, and the Planning Commission.

**The Board acknowledged receipt of the correspondence.**

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## AMBULANCE PARAMEDICS

- 6a) Paramedic Training Workshop (Mark Mikulicich and paramedic staff members) - Presentation by Mark Mikulicich and staff regarding training objectives for the Paramedic Fire Rescue Department.

**Action:** None

Mark Mikulicich, Ambulance Paramedics: Reviewed training requirements and objectives, and reviewed the list of trainings accomplished in 2009. The paramedic training schedule involves medical training and fire/rescue training. The department achieved an excellent year of training for a reasonable cost (less than \$3,000).

Members of the Paramedic Fire Rescue Department demonstrated equipment and techniques.

Board Comments:

- Supervisor Hazard: Asked the Department to consider expanding training to include high-risk law enforcement (hostage) situations with a close working relationship with the Sheriff's Department, and include water rescue and water-fire issues (boats). Hazard complimented the Department for its accomplishments over the last few years.
- Supervisor Farnetti: Concurred with Supervisor Hazard's comments. The Department has the full support of the Board; a stand-alone paramedic department has been beneficial.
- Supervisor Hunt: Concurred with the other comments. Mikulicich has improved relationships with other agencies. In response to a question, Mikulicich said overall the relationship with Mammoth Hospital is very good and works well. Hunt would like the department to proceed with swift water rescue training.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- 7a) State Budget (Board Members) - The Board of Supervisors may discuss issues pertaining to the California State budget.

**Action:** None

**No new information.**

## COUNTY COUNSEL

**Additional Departments:** Economic Development

- 8a) Letters to U.S. Forest Service and USFWS re authorization of grazing by F.I.M. Corporation (Stacey Simon) - Letters to the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service discussing the applicability of the National Environmental Policy Act to the authorization of grazing on certain allotments within the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest by F.I.M. Corporation, and requesting cooperating agency status.

**Action:** This item will be rescheduled.

- 8b) Walker River Basin (Stacey Simon) - Update on Walker River Basin lease and acquisition programs.

**Action:** None

Stacey Simon, Assistant County Counsel: She and Supervisor Bauer met with representatives from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation last week; this was a preliminary meeting. They were receptive and understood the County's concerns about receiving public input before implementing a program. NFWF is very aware that stakeholders need to be involved in order to have a successful program. A meeting with the Walker River Irrigation District is scheduled for next week. NFWF has not heard much from the WRID about the leasing program.

## PUBLIC WORKS

**Additional Departments:** County Counsel, Community Development, Environmental Health

- 9a) Old Sheriff's Substation Property Lease (Kelly Garcia) - Receive presentation regarding leasing options for the Old Sheriff's Substation property near Mammoth Lakes. Provide any desired direction to staff.

No Motion **Action:** The Board continued this discussion to a future meeting, directed staff to complete the electrical repairs (estimated cost of \$2,000), and asked Jim Ouimet to present a plan in the next 30-45 days.

Kelly Garcia, Public Works: The current lease expired a year ago in November. Garcia outlined the proposed leasing options and potential issues, which include electrical problems that present a safety hazard and determining long-term needs. Regarding water, the lessee would need to provide drinking water; a chlorinator would only allow for hand washing and cleaning.

Stacey Simon, Assistant County Counsel: Exhibit 4 in the Board's packet outlines options for leasing the property and specifies what requirements apply to what type of lease. In response to a question, Simon explained that the original lease was for exterior use only (as a dog kennel) with no public access. Interior use was only authorized if additional approvals were obtained from the County. She is not aware that any such approvals were given. The majority of the issues discussed in the memo are relevant only if the interior of the building is utilized and/or if the public is allowed to access the site.

### Board Comments:

- Supervisor Farnetti: Would like to see the current use continue, and said the County should install the chlorinator.
- Supervisor Hazard: Supports having the dog sled group at this location; dog sledding has a long history in this area. The kennel is a good use for this site, and should have a designated area that is separate from County use. Hazard would like to maintain flexibility in order to accommodate a museum; he suggested that Jim Ouimet (owner of Mammoth Dog Teams) work with someone knowledgeable about museums. After Ouimet reviews the staff report, he should return to the Board for further discussion.
- Supervisor Hunt: The current use has many benefits, but there are some negative aspects that need to be addressed. Prior to moving forward, Ouimet needs to review the staff report, and present a proposal for the intended use of the property. However, the County should proceed with the electrical repairs; the Board needs to be specific about the intended future use before doing major repairs. He suggested continuing the discussion to a meeting in the near future.

## ELECTIONS

- 10a) Voter Registration Workshop (Lynda Roberts, Marshall Rudolph, and Mark Magit) - Presentation regarding Mono County's voter registration rolls and options (if any) to address concerns regarding potential registrations by persons not domiciled in the County. The Board of Supervisors requested this presentation as a follow-up to the Grand Jury's 2008-2009 report, which addressed and made certain recommendations regarding sending informational letters to registered voters with out-of-county mailing addresses.

**Action:** This item was postponed to the February 2, 2010, meeting.

ADJOURN: 1:45 p.m.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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LYNDA ROBERTS  
Clerk of the Board

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